

we do it out of this fund and there has not been a bond issue for schools in Grand Island, Nebraska, in my current memory and this is a fast growing community and we have it on a pay as you go basis, the same as the Technical Community College system is trying to do. Senator Frank Lewis, my very respected colleague, the Technical Community Colleges are trying that but you and your support for LB 922 are prohibiting them from being efficient as the public school system is in their construction. Just the last statement, in all fairness to all of the Technical Community College areas, this bill should be defeated by supporting Senator Barnett's kill motion.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Richard Lewis.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I certainly would oppose the kill motion. Senator Barnett points out that this body has no business interfering with the activities of those elected board members who are so close to the people that they know exactly what they want. One of their problems being that they are too close to the people. It's difficult to stand the heat sometimes, but what is really happening here is connected with the reappraisal efforts dictated by LB 131 from last session, and as these reappraisals set new values for tax purposes one hundred, two hundred, and many times up to three and four hundred times what they formerly were, then these boards that have authority to levy up to a certain mill levy ceilings have a real windfall here and it's difficult for them to withstand local pressure sometimes of those people who would like to have more aggressive programs and after all, these people are all competing for the same students and I think that this is a very very reasonable approach to limit capital expenditures and if you make a complete analysis of 922, they are not totally phased out of the construction business, they can always go to a vote of the people but they don't like to do this because these monies are available and it's so convenient to go ahead and expend these other monies. I would certainly oppose bringing back LB 922.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, I only make one or two points. We constantly, when we get up and speak against this bill, try to establish our opposition on the basis of credentials. We've been in this for a long time, therefore, people ought to listen to us and follow what we have said. I would propose that if you want to get into an argument on credentials I'm perfectly happy to trade blow for blow and I think it's unfair to get up and discuss that particular matter. May I say two things? Senator Barnett seems to think that this Legislature which puts up 44% of the money has no business deciding whether or not these schools shall use capital construction money in the future or as they have admitted before the Appropriations Committee and other groups whether or not when 1980 comes around they're going to be in trouble and they're going to shift money from operations to capital construction. Now don't we have a right to insist first of all, on strict accountability, and secondly, don't we have a right based upon the fact that we put up more money than any other method that's used to finance this particular operation. Senator Kelly